

INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al. }

- AGAINST - }

ARAKI, SADA0, et al. }

A F F I D A V I T

I, YAMAZAKI, Shigeru, make oath and say as follows:

Q What is your name?

A YAMAZAKI, Shigeru.

Q What is your present address?

A No. 3 Ninokamae, Iwateyama-Machi, Miyagi Prefecture.

Q What was your position with the Prisoner of War Control Bureau in Tokyo?

A I was the Deputy Chief, the ranking number two official.

Q Since when and until what time did you hold that position?

A From January 1942 until the end of February 1943.

Q Sometime in July of 1942 do you recall a meeting of newly appointed commanders of prisoner of war camps held under the auspices of the Prisoner of War Control Bureau in Tokyo?

A Yes.

Q Do you recall any written instructions by Prime Minister TOJO which were given and discussed at the meeting?

A Yes.

Q What were the written instructions about?

A The written instructions directed the commanders of prisoner of war camps to use white prisoners of war for menial labor and work details in order to impress the people of the localities in which the prisoner of war camps were located with the superiority of the Japanese over the white peoples. The idea was to degrade and humiliate the whites as much as possible.

Q Did you have a copy of the order?

A Yes, it was printed, bore the name of Premier TOJO, and a copy of it was sent to me. I left it with my successor when I was transferred.

Q Do you know where the printed order is now?

A Copy of the written order we had in our office I think was burned with other papers during the conflagration of Tokyo.

Q Do you know where the idea of using white prisoners of war for this purpose actually originated?

A Yes. It was the idea of General UEMURA, Mikio, the Chief of the Prisoner of War Control Bureau. He submitted his idea to Premier Tojo of using white prisoners of war for menial labor to impress the natives of the occupied areas what the Japanese can do to the whites.

- Q How do you know it was General UEMURA's idea?
- A I know because the General who was my immediate chief told me of it and that he was going to submit his idea to Premier Tojo. General UEMURA envisaged two main objectives for his plan: first, to increase production; second, to lower white prestige in Asia.
- Q Do you know personally of Premier Tojo's reaction to General UEMURA's idea?
- A I have not discussed the matter with Premier TOJO but apparently the Premier agreed to it because he signed the order. General UEMURA however told me that he anticipated the order based on his idea would be issued by the Premier.
- Q What was General UEMURA's attitude toward this plan?
- A He was proud of it as he had originated it.
- Q What type of work specifically were the white prisoners made to do to carry out General UEMURA's plan most effectively?
- A By making them perform heavy labor.
- Q Does that include coolie labor, such as loading and unloading cargoes into and from hulls of ships?
- A Yes.
- Q I show to you IPS document #2696; will you state if you are familiar with it?
- A I am familiar with the plan to use white prisoners for labor but not with this particular order.
- Q Can you state on what it was based?
- A This order was based on the written order issued by Premier TOJO which I have already mentioned.

/s/ Shigeru Yamazaki  
YAMAZAKI, Shigeru

Sworn and subscribed to before the undersigned officer by the above-named YAMAZAKI, Shigeru, at the War Ministry Building, Tokyo, Japan, this 7th day of November, 1946.

/s/ Eric W. Fleisher  
ERIC W. FLEISHER  
2d Lt., A.U.S., M.I.

WITNESS: /s/ J. A. Curtis, 2d Lt. M.I.



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極東國際軍手裁判所

米國側 其他 「對」 荒木貞夫 其父 口供書

和山崎ニハルハ宣答ニ在通陳述ス

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問

貴方ノ姓名ハ何ト言ニカ。

答

山崎ニハル。

問

貴方、現任何ノ何処ニカ。

答

宮城縣岩手町「力」前ニ番地

問

東京停務監督局ニ於テ貴方、地位、何デニカ。

答

和、局長代理、軍級、法郎官更デニカ。

問

何時カ、何時カ、貴方、其地位ニ居ニカ。

答

一九四三年一月ヨリ一九四三年、二月末迄デニカ。

問

貴方、一九四三年七月、武時、東京停務監督局、主權ニ行

答

ハ、新規ニ依テ、停務收容所長、會合想出ニカ。

問

東京停務監督ニ依テ、且其、會合、討議、何、文書ニ依

答

ル訓令ヲ貴方、想出ニカ。

問

其文書ニヨル訓令、何ニ因ニモデニカ。

答

其文書ニヨル訓令、停務收容所所在ニ、住民、日本人、白

色人種ニ優越セルコトヲ印象セル爲ニ白人停務、卑賤、

労働及労働ニ使用セル様ニ停務收容所長ニ指示シカ。

又其、白人ノ出来ル限リ、且下、且居留ヲ与ニ様トスル考テ、且

問

貴方、其訓令、實ニ何ニ居リニカ。

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答 ハイ、其ハ印刷ガトモ東條首相ノ名前ガ載テ居ルヲ云フ。ソレハ其一通ガ私ニ送ラレタ名。私ハ私ガ轉任ノ際、私ハ彼ニ著シ其ヲ置キニまカシタ。

問 貴方ハ其印刷ニ訓令今何処ニルカ知テ居ラカ。

答 我々事務室ニシテ文書ニヨリ訓令ハ一通ハ東京ハ大田中他ノ書類ト共ニ焼失シタト私ハ思ヒマス。

問 貴方ハ白人停務此目的ノ便役ナルガ實際何処ニ出カ知テ居ラカ。

答 ハイ、其ハ停務監督局長ニシテ、ミヤノ將軍ノ考テマス。彼ハ日本人ガ白人ニ對シトニ事ガ出来ルカウニ領地、住民ニ印象ヲ与ヘ、白人停務ヨリ早戦ノ労働ニ使用スルコトニ就テ彼ヲ東條首相ニ具申シタ。

問 貴方ハ其ガミヤノ將軍ノ考テマス言フコトヲ如何ニ知テ居ラカ。

答 私ノ直接、上官ニシテ將軍ハ其事ニ就テ語リ且彼ガ其考ヲ東條首相ニ具申シタト云フ事ハ私ニ話シタカウ私ハ知テ居ラス。タモミ將軍ハ彼ノ計画ハハ、ミヤノ目的ヲ認メタ、即チチハ生テ増強スル爲メ第二ハ要綱要ニ於テ白人威信ヲ低下セル爲メアリマス。

問 貴方ハミヤノ將軍ノ考ニ對シテ東條首相ノ反應、直接ニ云テ居ラスカ。

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答 私ハ東條首相ト其事柄ヲ討議シ、事ハミヤノ考ハ彼ガ訓令署名シタ処ヲ見ルト明カニ首相ハ其ノ主張ニ然ラカ、ミヤノ將軍ハ私ニ彼ヲ其基ニ首相カニ命令ガ発セラルベト豫想



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ミット語リマシタ。

同 此計畫對スルニ如何將軍ノ態度ハトナシタカ。

答 彼ハ其レヲ案出セタルハ其レヲ自慢シテ居リマシタ。

同 如何將軍ノ計畫ヲ最モ効果的ニ実行スル為ニ、將ニ如何ナル種

類ノ仕事ヲ日人俘虜カサセウシマシタカ。

答 彼等ニ重労働ヲサセルコトニ依テマシタ。

同 其ハ船艙ニ荷物ヲ積込ミ又其カヲ荷却スル様ナ苦カ労働

モ含メテ居リマスカ。

答 ハイ

同 和ハ貴方ニ檢察ノ報告類オニ六九六号ヲ提示シマス。

貴方ハ其レヲ知ツテ居ルカ如何ヲ述ベテ下サイ。

答 和ハ白人俘虜ヲ労働使役スル計畫ヲ知ツテ居リマスガ、此特別ノ命

令ハ知リマセシ。

同 貴方ハ其レ如何ニ基イテ居タルヲ陳ヘル事ガ出来マスカ。

答 此ノ命令ハ和ハ既ニ説明シタ事條首相ニヨリ發セラレタ文書ニ

ヨリ命令ニ基イテ居リマシタ。

ヤコブ・ミゲル / 署名

下記將校ノ面前ニ於テ一九四六年一月七日

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米國陸軍情報少尉

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証人陸軍情報少尉

J. A. カートリス

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